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SUBJ: FALSE PRESS REPORT REGARDING AMBASSADOR BROWN

1. AP, REUTERS, AND OTHER WIRE SERVICES ARE CALLING REGARDING A REPORT THEY ARE PUTTING OUT TO THE EFFECT THAT AMBASSADOR BROWN HAS URGED PRESIDENT FRANGIE'S RESIGNATION. THIS IS COMPLETELY FALSE. WE HAVE SAID SO TO ANYONE WHO CONTACTED US, BUT DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE PREPARED TO DENY IT.

2. WE HAVE TOLD EVERYONE THAT AMBASSADOR BROWN IS NOT IN A MEDIATING ROLE NOR MAKING SUGGESTIONS IN ANY CAPACITY OF THAT SORT. HE IS PASSING HIS IMPRESSIONS TO PEOPLE HE SEES. ONE IMPRESSION IS THAT POLITICAL SOLUTION AGREED TO BY LEBANESE THEMSELVES IS CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESS WHICH INVOLVES MEETING OF PARLIAMENT TO AMEND CONSTITUTION, ELECTION OF NEW PRESIDENT, FOLLOWED AT THAT TIME BY PRESIDENT FRANGIE'S RESIGNATION.

3. WE ARE INFORMING FRANGIE THROUGH HIS ADVISER, LUCIEN DAHDAH, THAT THIS IS A FALSE REPORT.
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